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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, BG, US

SUBJECT: BDG REQUEST FOR SURPLUS LANDING CRAFT

REFS: (A) DACCA 0362; (B) DACCA 1113

1. ALL LANDING CRAFT ARE CLASSIFIED AS SIGNIFICANT COMBAT EQUIPMENT ON THE US MUNITIONS LIST AND CANNOT THEREFORE BE CALLED NON-MILITARY, REGARDLESS OF PURELY CIVILIAN USE. IT HAS BEEN USG POLICY SINCE 1972, STRONGLY SUPPORTED BY CONGRESS, TO TERMINATE THE SHIP LOAN/LEASE PROGRAM BY OFFERING TO SELL THE SHIPS INVOLVED TO THE PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTS. UNDER THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE BYRD AMENDMENT, SURPLUS US NAVAL VESSELS AND CRAFT ARE AUTHORIZED BY THE  
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CONGRESS TO BE SOLD UNDER EITHER THE FMS PROGRAM OR SPECIFIC ENABLING LEGISLATION, DEPENDING ON AGE AND TONNAGE OF THE VESSEL. SINCE BANGLADESH IS NOT CURRENTLY ELIGIBLE FOR FMS PURCHASES, THERE IS NO OTHER WAY, EXCEPT FOR THE AID CHANNEL, FOR THE BDG TO ACQUIRE SURPLUS LANDING CRAFT FROM THE USG. AS EMBASSY NOTED, THE AID CHANNEL IS UNAVAILABLE.

2. IN ANY EVENT, AS A PRACTICAL MATTER, THERE ARE NO SURPLUS  
LANDING CRAFT AVAILABLE AT THE PRESENT TIME FROM USG SOURCES.

3. NEW PROCUREMENT OF LANDING CRAFT FROM COMMERCIAL  
SOURCES WOULD INVOLVE COSTS RANGING FROM APPROXIMATELY DOLS  
600,000 FOR A 75 FOOT LCM-8 TO DOLS 2-3 MILLION FOR A 135  
FOOT LCU. SUCH SHIPS COULD, IF TOTAL VALUE LESS THAN DOLS  
7 MILLION, BE EXPORTED FROM US UNDER MUNITIONS CONTROL  
LICENSING PROCEDURES, REGARDLESS OF FMS INELIGIBILITY OF  
PURCHASES, PROVIDED THAT TRANSACTION IS KEPT IN PURELY  
COMMERCIAL CHANNEL. VANCE

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